

Qadhafi sees similarity between Libya's role and that of Christ

ROME, April 11 (R). — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi says his country's international role compares with the work of Jesus Christ. In an Italian television interview broadcast tonight, the 38-year-old head of state also said that Libyan women were inadequate "either biologically or morally" to do the same job as men. In an interview he was asked why his country's image was often associated with terrorism overseas. He replied: "When Jesus appeared he was quickly attacked... because he was a prophet that brought the new, the good..."

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Jordanian envoys continue tour of Arab capitals

AMMAN, April 11 (JT). — Jordanian envoys continued touring Arab capitals for the third day today delivering messages to Arab heads of state from His Majesty King Hussein. The messages are related to Jordan's proposal for an Arab action plan and King Hussein's call for an Arab summit.

In Abu Dhabi, President of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan received a message from Jordanian Court Minister Amman Khanmous who arrived yesterday from Mecca.

In Tunis, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim delivered King Hussein's message to President Habib Bourguiba who welcomed his Ma-

esty's call for an Arab summit and expressed readiness to attend it.

Head of the Command Council of North Yemen Col. Ahmad Hussein Al Ghoshmi received the King's message from Jordanian Interior Minister Suliman Arar. Mr. Arar said that Col. Al Ghoshmi had agreed to take part in the summit. Mr. Arar will leave Sana'a tomorrow for Khartoum to deliver the Royal Message to President Ni-

meir.

Last night Chief of the Ro-

yal Hashemite Court, Sharif

Abdul Hamid Sharaf returned

from a three country tour de-

livering the King's message to

the leaders of Saudi Arabia,

Kuwait and Syria.

Red Brigades prison guard shot dead

TURIN, Italy, April 11 (R). — Three gunmen today shot and killed a guard at a prison where 15 Red Brigades urban guerrillas are being held here while on trial for subversion.

But one of the gunmen was wounded in the attack and later arrested at a medical clinic.

His capture could give police a breakthrough in their hunt for the Red Brigades gang which kidnapped former Italian Premier Aldo Moro last month.

In Paris, French television said it received a call purporting to come from Signor Moro's kidnappers today threatening to kill him on Thursday unless their demands were met.

The Red Brigades have not so far claimed responsibility for gunning down the prison guard. But police sources said the killing was very similar to two previous Red Brigades murders.

World News Roundup...

Eritreans accuse Ethiopia of bombing

ROME, April 11 (R). — Eritrean rebels said today that MIG jets were dropping napalm and cluster bombs on villages near Asmara and Massawa apparently in preparation for an Ethiopian offensive in the country's northernmost province. "Their strategy first of all is to retake the road between the capital, Asmara and the port of Massawa," Mr. Gabrey Tseghai of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) told Reuters. "This is their most important supply line."

Soviet U.N. official defects

UNITED NATIONS, April 11 (AP). — Arkady N. Shevchenko, the highest ranking Soviet citizen employed by the United Nations, is staying away from his job because of "differences with his government," a U.N. spokesman said yesterday. Shevchenko, a Ukrainian, is a salaried employee of the U.N. secretariat and is not a member of the Soviet government's U.N. mission. In Washington, State Department spokesman Tom Reston said the department had been contacted by Ernest Gross, Shevchenko's New York lawyer, and Gross indicated the Soviet official would not return to the Soviet Union. But Reston said Shevchenko had not asked for asylum in the United States. He said Soviet officials had requested a meeting with Shevchenko and Gross had arranged one.

Shah meets Saudi defence minister

TEHRAN, April 11 (R). — The Shah received in audience here today Saudi Arabia's Minister for Defence and Aviation, Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz. Iran's War Minister, Gen. Reza Azimi, and the Saudi Arabian Ambassador here, Mr. Ibrahim Bakr, were also present, official Iranian sources said.

Begin to be checked up

JERUSALEM, April 11 (AP). — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin will enter a hospital for a routine checkup Wednesday, his office announced today.

Single shot killed kidnapped baron

ANDWERP, Belgium, April 11 (R). — Kidnapped Belgian millionaire Baron Charles Bracq whose body was found yesterday was killed by a single shot in the head, police sources said today. The sources said police believed the baron had been killed while struggling with the captors. Blood and tufts of hair were found on the ground near the baron's car.

Burns takes issue with Carter's dollar policy

TOKYO, April 11 (R). — Mr. Arthur Burns, the conservative former Chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board (central bank), today publicly took issue with the Carter administration's attitude towards the dollar. Speaking only hours before President Carter unveiled his anti-inflation strategy, Mr. Burns called for strong government action to halt the dollar's decline.

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China urges Israeli withdrawal

HONG KONG, April 11 (R). — China today urged Israel to withdraw its troops from Lebanon immediately, totally and unconditionally, the New China News Agency reported. The official people's daily in a commentary charged that "the Israeli aggressors are trying to occupy large tracts of land in south Lebanon on a permanent basis." The paper said the Israeli authorities' position concerning Lebanon was totally unjustified, according to the agency. "The Israeli aggressors must withdraw from the southern part of Lebanon rapidly, completely and unconditionally."

Price: Jordan 50 fils; Syria 50 piastres; Lebanon 75 piastres; Saudi Arabia 1 riyal; UAE 1 dirham; Great Britain 25 pence.



Major General Emmanuel Erskine (right) Commander of UNIFIL hands with an unidentified Israeli army officer in occupied south Lebanon on Tuesday morning as the Israeli forces began a token pull out. (AP wirephoto)

Ceausescu pushes Israel to negotiate with PLO

WASHINGTON, April 11 (R). — Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu is expected to raise new ideas for Korean unification and a Middle East settlement when he meets President Carter this week.

Mr. Ceausescu, who has frequently served as a bridge in East-West relations, will confer with Mr. Carter at the White House tomorrow and on

Thursday.

It will be President Ceausescu's fourth trip to the United States in eight years and he will be seeking renewed assurances of American support for Romania's independent course despite its membership in the Communist Warsaw Pact.

American officials expressed

interest in statements by President Ceausescu that he has

indications Communist North

Korea might be willing to

negotiate a federation with South

Korea preserving the existing

social systems of both halves

of the divided country.

In an interview published in

Hearst newspapers last week,

President Ceausescu said he

wanted to talk to Mr. Carter

about the problem of bringing

peace and reunification to the

Korean peninsula.

The leading newspaper Cor-

nerie Della Sera reported, without giving a source, that he

appeared again emotionally for

a prisoner exchange to obtain

his release and added: "Other-

wise you will be responsible for

my death".

tations, or at least has not been so far."

The Romanian leader added: "The achievement of a comprehensive peace settlement implies participation in the negotiations of Syria, Jordan and the Palestinians, represented by the PLO. This is the only framework within which a general peace can be achieved."

Asked what he thought of the deterrent force warning, a right-wing militiaman in Ain Rumanne burst into laughter.

"Deterrent force?" he said.

"Which deterrent force? It is not deterring anybody, as you can see."

The 30,000-strong Arab League force ended the civil war in most of Lebanon in Nov. 1976, when it moved into the main combat zones to separate the combatants.

Most roads linking the two districts were closed today. Civilians sprinted across stretches exposed to firing positions on the other side as supers took over rooftops.

Both sides accused each other of having started the fighting. As usual in this city of contrasts, life continued normally in areas not affected by the combat.

The pull-out from seven points in the eastern sector of south Lebanon took the Israelis back between two and seven kms.

Observing the hand-over in this shattered village, ten kms. from the Israeli border, was Gen. Emmanuel Erskine, Ghanaian commander of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

Reagan supports Israeli settlements on West Bank

NEW YORK, April 11 (R). — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat said in an interview broadcast here last night that Israel's invasion of southern Lebanon last month had damaged 82 villages, demolishing six of them.

Mr. Arafat said the Israelis had used not only United States-made cluster bombs in the invasion but also other U.S. weapons.

In the interview with NBC-TV news, which was recorded in Beirut, the PLO leader said the U.S. had supported "your mighty baby Israel" in the fighting against the Palestinians.

"Your American cluster bombs -- eighty-two villages had been shelled and bombed by your Phantoms, Skyhawks, napalm, rockets and now your cluster bombs," Mr. Arafat said.

"Six of this number had been smashed and demolished completely."

U.S. confirmed

The U.S. state department confirmed reports on Saturday that Israeli forces had dropped cluster bombs in southern Lebanon in violation of a mutual defense agreement.

The bombs, which scatter shrapnel grenades over a wide area, come under a 1952 agreement between the United States and Israel which allows their use only in specified cases.

Asked about Palestinian extremist groups that kill civilians, Mr. Arafat agreed that some Palestinians engaged in such violence.

"You, the Americans, are pushing them. You are not recognising us as a people," he said.

Mr. Reagan accused President Carter of waffling in his support for Israel, citing Mr. Carter's early backing, later withdrawn for self-rule for West

Instead the PLO leader sent his personal political adviser Han Al Hassan to confer with Mr. Ceausescu. PLO officials had no explanation for Mr. Arafat's decision not to make the trip himself.

Mr. Ceausescu discussed Middle East developments with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan here last week. Mr. Dayan rejected the Romanian leader's view that Israel should negotiate with the PLO.

In an interview published in Tel Aviv today the Romanian president said that Israel's response to the peace overtures of Egyptian leader Anwar Sadat had not measured up to expectations.

Mr. Ceausescu also said in the interview in the English-language Jerusalem Post that a comprehensive Middle East settlement could only be worked out with the participation of Syria, Jordan and the PLO.

He was quoted as saying: "I must say that as against President Sadat's firm initiative the response from Israel and from Premier Menachem Begin has not been up to expect-

It was reported from Kuwait that Sudanese President Jaafar Nimeiri has called for a meeting in Khartoum on April 22 of an Arab reconciliation committee set up to prepare for an Arab summit conference. Kuwait Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah said this man interview with the official Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) which also quoted Sheikh Sabah as saying Kuwait was ready to join the committee "if all Arab states asked to join agree to do so."

At least 20 killed in fresh Beirut factional fighting

BEIRUT, April 11 (Agencies). — Lebanon's civil war forces battled each other with machineguns and rockets today despite a Syrian warning that gunmen in Beirut would be shot on sight. Combatants in the Moslem district of Shiyah and neighbouring Christian Ain Rumanne, -- flashpoints of the 1975-76 civil war agreed that at least nine people had been killed and more than 30 wounded since fighting erupted on Sunday.

The Syrian-dominated Arab League deterrent force policing the civil war truce issued a communiqué last night saying the force would shoot any gunman on sight and shell any source of fire.

But rightist militiamen in Ain Rumanne and Lebanese leftists hammered each other in the heaviest fighting since last February's clashes between Syrian troops and rightists in which at least 150 people died.

The deserted streets along the line dividing the two densely-populated districts echoed with the roar of heavy machineguns and the crash of exploding rockets.

The Arab Truce envoys went into action to snuff out three days of Moslem-Christian sniping and intermittent mortar exchanges on the capital's edge.

The fighting was localised.

But the staccato of machine gun volleys and thuds of explosions scared people off the streets in adjacent neighbourhoods.

Truckloads of reinforcements and armoured personnel carriers cordoned off the area of local hostilities that stole public attention from developments in south Lebanon, where U.N. troops were supervising a partial Israeli withdrawal.

Meanwhile Israeli occupation forces maintained firm control over most of south Lebanon today, despite a withdrawal from part of the territory they seized in a massive invasion a month ago.

Heavily-armed troops entrenched in scores of fortified positions around the southern port city of Tyre prevented Lebanon-based correspondents from entering the occupied zone to confirm the limited pull-back.

Lebanese and United Nations officials in Beirut said they had received no official word on the evacuation.

Norwegians take over as Israelis make token withdrawal in S. Lebanon

"Today marks the beginning of the major withdrawal," Gen. Erskine said.

"Our job is to see that the area is not used for hostile actions."

Asked whether the U.N. forces would fire on Palestinian guerrillas, Gen. Erskine said: "We will fire on anyone who makes it difficult for us to execute our duties."

Israelis have been openly sceptical of U.N. willingness to respect Palestinian violence -- especially following weekend reports that Norwegian soldiers retreated in the face of Palestinian gunfire at Kaoukaba, about 16 kms. north of here.

Gen. Erskine said he believed the UNIFIL would need more troops in the eastern sector to fulfil its mandate.

Rashaya Foukhar was a Palestinian stronghold before the Israelis crashed across the Lebanon border on March 14.

The scale of devastation testified to the heavy Israeli air and artillery bombardment which chased the Palestinian out of the village.

The village used to be a Christian community of 2,000 people. In the middle of the town could be seen the shattered belfry of a Christian church.

New opinion poll shows Weizman's popularity rising, Dayan's waning

TEL AVIV, April 11 (R). — The popularity of Defence Minister Ezer Weizman has risen in recent months, but that of Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan has waned, according to a public opinion poll published here today. The poll, in the independent Haaretz, showed that Mr. Weizman's popularity was 78.3 per cent this month -- 6.7 per cent more than in January. In the same period Mr. Dayan's popularity dropped by 5.9 per cent to 60.2 per cent.

At the same time, negotiations for a new treaty to limit U.S. and Soviet long-range bombers and intercontinental ballistic missiles are entering a critical phase with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance's mission to Moscow late next week.

By moving on all three fronts, Carter appears to be undertaking a concerted drive to fulfill his 1976 presidential campaign promise to take the lead in curbing the arms trade -- even while he has not made good on the twin promise to cut U.S. defense spending.

Carter is making his moves at a time when the U.S.-Soviet relationship may be at a vital juncture.

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The tyranny of stamp men

The effort now underway to revamp the entire civil service structure in Jordan is probably the single most important link in Jordan's long-term developmental drive, and we sincerely hope that the campaign to streamline and improve the efficiency of the government bureaucracy is carried through rigorously and effectively. If it is not, we will only be fooling ourselves, a luxury that we cannot afford. The most important element in the reorganisation of the civil service is the need for decentralised decision-making, and it is a good sign that this will get high priority.

But the overall requirement in this reorganisation effort is to sit down and discuss very basic concepts such as the aims of individual offices and whether the system of work now used in the government helps or hinders efforts to reach one's stated goals. For example, we recently had a rather mind-boggling experience at the Interior Ministry. Going in to apply for a routine permit for a foreign tourist to visit Jordan across the King Hussein Bridge, we were told to get a 30 fils stamp before the paperwork could be processed. At 12:30 p.m., the man who sells stamps outside the ministry had closed shop and gone home, and we were told that we had to come back the next day. But the Interior Ministry personnel were in their offices working until 2:30 p.m., and we ended up unable to process the paperwork until the next day. This is the result of a bad system that produces bad results. This is a small example, but it is typical of the archaic system by which things are done. If the stamp man decides to go home for lunch early, does work grind to a halt in every ministry?

These are the underlying factors that must be thoroughly discussed in coming up with a reorganised civil service. A more streamlined and efficient system of management is required, and we look forward to progress in this area.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA' Tuesday dealt with reports from Cairo saying that a Romanian envoy has recently acquainted the Egyptian leaders with a plan prepared by President Ceausescu for the reconvening of the Geneva Middle East peace conference with all parties concerned taking part.

It was reported that President Ceausescu will inform President Jimmy Carter of his plan when he meets him in Washington within the next few days. The newspaper says that Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan might have been briefed of the plan during his recent visit to Bucharest, whereby the Romanian leader became convinced to go ahead and announce the plan within the next days.

However, Al Ra' adds, the Romanian plan, like many previous ones for a settlement, will not carry with it a balsam for curing Arab differences, nor will it solve the problem overnight. Hence Arab unity of action and building up Arab power, as now sponsored by Jordan, remain the most important things. Any solution that comes from outside, in the absence of an Arab capability to influence the course of events, will only be to the disadvantage of the Arabs, the newspaper says.

Under the heading "A Whiff of the Plot", AL DUSTOUR speculates that the recent bloody clashes in Beirut between the Phalangists and the Palestinians were an attempt, a plot, to re-ignite the fuse following Israel's occupation of south Lebanon."

The newspaper asks: "Is it a new episode in the Lebanese tragedy which engulfed Lebanon two years ago and has not finished yet?"

Al Dustour points out that Israel, which is due to withdraw partially from south Lebanon today, is engaged in building fortifications there. Such a withdrawal is a theatrical move of no value, and political observers see it as a mere attempt to alleviate world pressure upon Israel to implement Security Council Resolution 425 calling for a complete and immediate pullback from south Lebanon the newspaper maintains.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Art Exhibition

Paintings by Ibrahim Najjar Abul Rub are on display daily at the Goethe Institute till next Saturday.

Film

The British Council is showing "Lord of the Flies," a film directed by Peter Brook, tonight at 6:30. Reserve free tickets before the performance.

Cookery Exhibition

There will be a Spanish cookery demonstration this morning at 10:30 at the YWCA, near 3rd Circle, Jabal Amman, given by Countess Maruja Ondino.

Grand plans are envisaged for thermal springs at Zarqa Ma'in

Text and photos
 By Barbara Beesley
 Special to the Jordan Times

Although much publicity has been given in recent years to Jordan's archaeological sites and antiquities the natural phenomena of Jordan's thermal springs (of which all but two are also classified as mineral) has gone largely unnoticed.

For centuries man has taken advantage of the therapeutic effect of such springs and great spas have been developed in different parts of the world. The earliest evidence of such use of the springs in Jordan can be found in Madaba, where a mosaic depicts Herod bathing ... presumably at Zarqa Ma'in. Remains of Roman baths are to be found at Zarqa, near Jarash and at Al Hammeh and Abu Dableh in the north.

Since the days of the Romans the springs seem to have declined in popularity and only in recent years has any attempt been made to develop the springs for the use of the general public, and then only in a very simple manner.

In the 1960's Al Hammeh was developed by a private company to the extent that there now exists a swimming pool, rest house, restaurant and campground. At about the same time the site at Zarqa Ma'in was developed, also in a very simple way, by the government, with similar facilities to those at Al Hammeh - chiefly a swimming pool built round one of the hot springs which is open seven days a week and caters to male and female bathers on a rota basis throughout the day.

On either side of the river nearby is the camping area where tents may be hired for overnight stays. There are also a few chalets for hire. Up a flight of steps one reaches a ridge on which stands a swimming pool dating back to King Abdullah's time and now re-served for "special visitors".

All this is rather primitive compared with the grandiose plans now being drawn up for a major spa complex at Zarqa Ma'in. The Jordan Times visited the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities and interviewed Mr. Abdul Khader Shuman, project officer for the development of Zarqa Ma'in, and later visited the site to bring back this report.

The Zarqa Ma'in springs

Sixty five kms. southwest of Amman at the end of a road which turns off the King's Highway at Madaba lies a deep gorge set in the midst of a wild rocky landscape bordering the Dead Sea. As one descends the steep winding road on the north side of the gorge to the river far below the first of the thermal springs of Zarqa Ma'in comes into sight. There are 50 springs in all which join the river, basically a cold fresh water stream, either by bubbling out of the ground at just above water level or by falling in cascades from the rocks high above. The most spectacular of the waterfalls is Al Shallal. The river is shallow and since the sides of the gorge rise sharply the heat can be felt quite keenly as one walks through the pass.

Although scenically beautiful (the area is a proposed national park) it is not primarily the scenery that now draws thousands of visitors a year to Zarqa Ma'in. Rather they come to take advantage of the alleged therapeutic properties of the spring water which is not only extremely hot (45°-63°C) whereas the maximum temperature needed for a spa is 35°C but is also very high in mineral content.

According to German standards (ODS) a spring can be classified as mineral if the total ratio of dissolved salts in



AL SHALLAL WATERFALL - "Crown" of the hot springs, situated in middle of the gorge. In the master plan it is intended to emphasise this spectacular waterfall; a dam will create a reflecting pool. Visitors will be able to go to the foot of the falls by means of a pedestrian bridge.

the water is not less than one thousand per million. Tests at Zarqa Ma'in have shown the dissolved salts to constitute 2,000 units per million. This excellent concentration of salts places the springs in the same category medicinally as those at some of the best known spas in Europe. At Lueker Bad in Switzerland for instance, which yearly attracts several hundred thousand visitors from all over Europe, the temperature and discharge of water are much less although the mineral properties are similar.

The plan to develop the site at Zarqa Ma'in into a spa was formulated in the early 1970's, but first the mineral content of the water had to be determined to judge the feasibility of a spa. Water analysis tests were carried out; The chemical-biological analysis was completed in Germany by Institute Fresenius at Wiesbaden. The results proved positive for: "development of a spa, the mineral water being classified as: sodium-calcium chloride therm. It is of therapeutic value for rheumatism and joint pains and also beneficial to the pharynx and upper respiratory tract. It contains a high concentration of fluorine -- which is very good for children to drink, as it prevents tooth decay. Radioactivity is present but is a low concentration not affecting the human body. Very little sulphur was detected and therefore no therapeutic effect on

skin diseases is mentioned in the report.

Master plan

Having been given the go-ahead by the results of these tests, the master plan's terms of reference were drawn up by the Ministry of Tourism together with the National Planning Council and tendered on an international level. A Swiss firm Societe Generale pour Industrie was chosen in association with a local firm of consulting engineers Mohammad master plan and design the installations. For this a fee of J.D. 100,000 would be paid. The first and second reports were submitted last year and the final report was handed in recently.

The Master Plan: Terms of Reference stated a policy to "assure preservation of scenic and mineral water assets of the area and allow for their systematic use both by visitors and industrial users;" the latter a reference to "the proposed preparation of bottled mineral water at a late date."

Great care has to be taken if the scenic beauty is not impaired as the gorge is very narrow and there is little room for development. Since the opening of the access road the number of visitors to the site has increased to the extent that the carrying capacity of the road has been exceeded and the unique nature of the site

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GENERAL VIEW of Zarqa Ma'in taken from the road which winds its way down the northern slope of the gorge in a series of breathtaking hairpin bends. Far below the river and in the distance can be seen the existing facilities beyond the bridge.

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is being threatened by destruction of the vegetation and pollution of the waters.

Fortunately the consultants are aware of all these problems, and state in a special report issued in late 1977 that "facilities must be provided to accommodate a relatively high number of visitors as a matter of ecological protection and social welfare for users."

The main natural scenic features must be preserved and emphasized. Existing natural conditions will be preserved to offset the impact of development. In particular the right bank of the river, from which all the springs flow, will be maintained as it is, in contrast to the garden proposed on the left bank.

"Contrasts between the river and hot springs water of Ma'in Valley and the bare colourful rocky slopes and cliffs should be preserved ... Architecture should seek to blend with the landscape," the report adds.

"Protective perimeters must be created to prohibit public access in order to protect fresh water catchment and larger hot springs destined for use by visitors."

Excavation and erection should be conducted with extreme care, in most cases without explosives or heavy excavating machinery, to prevent disturbance of hot springs and landslides."

Development in two phases

The development of the spa complex will be executed in two phases. Construction will start on the spring and is expected to continue for four years. Phase I includes a public restaurant opposite the waterfall of Al Shallal with parking facilities nearby. The restaurant will seat up to 300 outside and 150 inside, with room for future extensions. A new low income bath with a cave-like tepidarium will be located within a new campground near a projected arch bridge. It will be able to handle 1,000 visitors daily (500 male and 500 female). Together with the new mosque across the road it will mark the entrance to the valley garden. The new mosque will stand in a wooded area. The campground will provide facilities for approximately 300 visitors and bungalows for 60 to 100 people or a second campground will be built slightly further upstream. On the hill above will be picnic units with room for 300 to 400 daytrippers. More picnic units and/or campground sites are planned above these facilities at later date.

Phase II includes that part of the complex which will attract higher income visitors -- this will primarily be the construction of the hotel complex and thermal clinic. The hotel will contain approximately 100 rooms. The six-floor building will be set in tiers into the side of the hill. Architecturally it will have an oriental look and match the surrounding landscape. A new high/middle income bath with a cave-like tepidarium will be situated on the Al Shallal promontory which is at present inaccessible. A road will be constructed along the north side of the gorge leading to the hotel which will also serve the bath and a landscaped viewing point is to be created on the rim of the Al Shallal plateau. More picnic units /campground sites are proposed on the slopes. During the construction of the complex existing facilities will be available to visitors and care taken to allow camping to continue.

The consultants suggest alternatives for facilities favouring either a) low income b) middle income or c) high income visitors. As it is unlikely that more than a small minority from the high income bracket will be attracted, and as there is insufficient room for extensive low income facilities on the large scale necessary, the favoured plan is to give priority to mixed middle/low income facilities. The total capacity for visitors is residents at the end of Phases I and II would therefore be approximately 2000 per day of which about 45 per cent will be low income, 47 per cent middle income and 8 per cent high income visitors.

Characteristics of the site (geology, hydrogeology, scenery) will induce high development costs. It is probable that part of the investment will be considered as a subsidy, the rest being divided into soft and commercial loans.

It is suggested by the consultants that a) financing of infrastructure components within hot spring development such as fresh water supply, sewage and sanitation systems should be by means of soft loans, and that b) financing of the main facilities such as hotel complex baths should be by means of commercial loans and

c) financing of interstitial development i.e. afforestation: landscaped garden, fences and dykes should be by means of net budget allocations through the Ministry of Tourism.

Total investment is initially estimated at JD 2.7 million.



THE MAP shows the locations of the thermal springs in Jordan. From Al Hammeh in the north near the Syrian border to Afra in the south. All but two -- Afra and Abu Dableh -- are also mineral. The three largest are Al Hammeh, Zara and Zarqa Ma'in. Ghor Al Zieghan is relatively small but sulphurous and used by locals for skin diseases. Afra, although not mineral, has excellent discharge and is very hot -- 45°C. At Azraq the hot spring which was originally discovered whilst digging for a well, is temporarily compressed since it is quite small and the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities will be channelling the flow into two swimming pools to be built shortly at a tourist centre adjacent to the spring. Abu Al Zieghan has not been tested but is obviously sulphurous. Al Hammeh was developed by a private company in the 1960's and offers basic amenities for the visitor -- swimming pool, restaurant, campsite etc. Zara, potentially the most interesting of all, since the site is on the shore of the Dead Sea, has medicinally the same properties as Zarqa Ma'in and will be developed not only as a spa but also as a Dead Sea resort when the new highway running along the eastern shore of the Dead Sea is finished in two years' time. At present the site is inaccessible to the general public. Zara, near Jarash, has an excellent concentration of salts similar to Zarqa Ma'in.

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Bank of Japan may be weary of intervening

GENEVA, April 11 (R). — Japan's External Economic Affairs Minister Nobuhiko Ushiba said here yesterday he thought the Bank of Japan would no longer intervene on a large scale on the foreign exchange market to check the yen's rise against the dollar.

But it was stressed that this was his personal feeling, not the stated policy of the bank.

And he made it clear that he expected some improvement in the dollar's position soon.

Mr. Ushiba was answering questions at a press conference during his visit here for talks connected with current negotiations aimed at freeing world trade from restrictions.

He said the 96-nation negotiations, aimed at setting world trade rules in the 1980's by dismantling tariffs and other barriers, had been made more difficult by the decline of the dollar. If the dollar's fall continued, he said, it would create a very unsettled situation as governments would be reluctant to commit themselves to long-term decisions unless they were sure there would be no wide fluctuations in exchange rates.

Mr. Ushiba said Japan still envisaged completing substantive bargaining by the end of July in the trade negotiations, being conducted under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), and he did not believe the dollar would continue to fall in value by that time.

Mr. Ushiba said that U.S. Chief Trade Negotiator Robert S. Strauss seemed confident that the U.S. administration's energy bill would be passed and this would also favourably affect the dollar.

Major non-communist nations to hold economic summit in July

BONN, April 11 (R). — Leaders of the world's seven major non-communist nations will hold a summit conference here on July 16 and 17. It was officially announced yesterday.

A joint statement by the seven participating governments said the main topics for discussion would include the fight against inflation, energy, trade, international currency questions, and cooperation between industrialized and developing countries.

The meeting will be attended by the leaders of the United States, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy, Canada and Japan.

The nine-member European Economic Community (EEC) will be represented at discussions of subjects which concern it by West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, who will then be Chairman of the EEC's Council of Ministers, and by Mr. Roy Jenkins, President of the Common Market Commission, the statement added.

The joint statement added that the summit would give the

World Bank head visits Turkey

ANKARA, April 11 (R). — World Bank President Robert McNamara began meetings with Turkish government leaders here yesterday to discuss the bank's possible financial contribution to development projects.

Mr. McNamara said on arrival Sunday night, that he knew the Turkish economy had problems but the world bank was ready to help Turkey overcome them.

A World Bank delegation arrived last week to review Turkey's economic situation and the projects offered by the government.

Mr. McNamara will meet Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit before talks open between Turkish officials and the World Bank delegation.

Finance Ministry officials said Turkey was seeking World Bank credits for a number of projects including the construction of a dam and a power plant, development of forestry and animal husbandry, and the extension of an iron and steel mill.

Officials of the participating countries held an initial round of talks here at the end of last month to prepare for the summit, which will bring U.S. President Jimmy Carter to West Germany for the first time since he took office.

The world was faced by serious and linked economic problems, whose solution made joint action on various fronts necessary, it said.

Gulf Helicopters gets Kuwaiti loan

Kuwait, April 11 (R). — The Kuwait International Investment Company (KVIC) is arranging a \$5 million syndicated loan for Gulf Helicopters, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bahrain-based Gulf Air, KVIC said here today.

The seven-year loan is at 1-1/8 per cent above London inter-bank offered rates, it added.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, (R). — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of interbank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

One sterling	1.8775/90	U.S. dollars
One dollar	2.0125/35	West German marks
	2.1470/90	Dutch guilders
	1.8575/95	Swiss francs
	31.32/35	Belgian francs
	4.5475/95	French francs
	850.90/851.20	Italian lire
	219.10/20	Japanese yen
	4.5600/15	Swedish crowns
	5.5445/60	Norwegian crowns
	5.2980/90	Danish crowns

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Rangers take victory over Yankees

NEW YORK, April 11 (AP). — King Khaled Ibn Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia will open his country's first car assembly plant in Jeddah on Wednesday, it was announced here yesterday.

Called the National Automobile Industries, the new Mercedes truck plant is 70 per cent owned by Mr. Ahmad Juffali, a prominent Saudi Arabian businessman, and 30 per cent by the West German firm Daimler-Benz.

The 130-million rial (\$40 million) plant will turn out 6,500 units a year, according to Dr. Gernot Moerner, the General Manager of the National Automobile Industries.

Los Angeles third baseman Ron Cey tagged Houston's Floyd Bannister for a solo home run and run-scoring single and veteran Doug Rau continued his mastery over the Astros for a 5-2 Dodger victory.

Darrel Chaney's two-run homer with two out in the ninth inning gave the Atlanta Braves an 8-7 comeback victory over the San Diego Padres. The victory was Atlanta's first of the season and snapped a three-game losing streak.

Mike Tyson drove in four runs, three with a home run which capped a six-run burst in the first inning, and helped

St. Louis whip the Pittsburgh Pirates 11-2 in a rain-delayed Cardinals' home opener.

Craig Swan pitched a five-hitter and Steve and Ken Henderson each drove in three runs, leading the New York Mets to a 6-0 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

In late American League games on the West Coast, Don Baylor's two-run homer in the seventh inning broke up a scoreless game and carried the California Angels to a 3-0 victory over the Minnesota Twins and John Johnson and Dave Heaverlo combined on a three-hitter to lead the Oakland A's past the Seattle Mariners 1-0.

Baseball standings and results after Monday's games.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	PCT.	GB
New York	4	1	.800	—
Philadelphia	2	1	.667	1
Pittsburgh	2	2	.500	1 1/2
St. Louis	2	2	.500	2 1/2
Chicago	1	3	.250	3
Montreal	1	3	.250	2 1/2

WEST

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cincinnati	4	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	4	0	1.000	1 1/2
San Francisco	2	1	.667	3
Atlanta	1	3	.250	3
San Diego	1	3	.250	3
Houston	0	5	.000	4 1/2

Monday's games:

New York 6, Chicago 6

St. Louis 11, Pittsburgh 2

Atlanta 8, San Diego 7

Los Angeles 5, Houston 2

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Cleveland 5, Boston 4

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Rhodesian cabinet rejects Anglo-U.S. call for talks with black nationalists

SALISBURY, April 11 (R). — Rhodesia's interim government has rejected an Anglo-American call to sit down and discuss the future of the country with black nationalist guerrillas. But the multi-racial interim government, set up to implement an internal settlement in Rhodesia, said it would welcome a visit here by British Foreign Secretary David Owen and United States Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

Dr. Owen and Mr. Vance are expected to go to Tanzania this week for talks with guerrilla leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe who have rejected the internal settlement.

The interim government statement last night followed four hours of talks between its representatives and Mr. John Graham of the British foreign office and Mr. Stephen Low, U.S. Ambassador to Zambia.

The Anglo-American envoys tried unsuccessfully to persuade the interim government to take part in an all-party conference with the leaders of the

Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance.

The interim government is led by a partnership of white Premier Ian Smith and moderate black leaders Bishop Abel Muzorewa, Reverend Ndabani Sithole and Chief Jeremiah Chirau.

Its statement said the interim government was not in favour of participating in such a conference.

"However, if Dr. Owen and Mr. Vance would like to have detailed discussions with the Executive Council they will be most welcome to come to Salisbury next week," the statement said.

The strength of the invitation was seen by political observers here as an indication of the determination of the interim government to have its internal settlement proposals recognised internationally.

But in rejecting the proposed all-party conference, the interim government appeared to be equally determined not to resurrect arguments over the future of Rhodesia that it believes were covered in full during the months preceding the formation of the multi-racial regime.

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Marcos orders release of 500 detained persons

MANILA, Philippines April 11 (AP). — President Ferdinand E. Marcos ordered tonight the release of more than 500 persons detained for participating in a peaceful march Sunday protesting the "death of freedom and democracy" in the Philippines, an official announcement said.

Excluded from the release order, however, were former Senator Lorenzo Tanada, 76, one of the Philippines' most respected lawyers and campaign manager of the opposition People's Power Party in last Friday's elections, and six other party members, including four candidates, the presidential palace said.

The announcement said Mr. Tanada and the six others, including candidates Francisco Rodrigo, also a former senator, Teopisto Guingona, Ernesto Rondon and Aquilino Pimentel, were the leaders and organizers of Sunday's march. It said the participants "openly advocated the use of violence against the government."

Marcos' decision was in accordance with "a national po-

litical of conciliation to bring together all the various factions in society," the announcement said. It described most of those arrested as first offenders "who probably did not know the full implication of their participation in the march."

Charges of illegal assembly and inciting to rebellion had earlier been filed before a military court against all of them but today's announcement said Marcos indicated the charges might subsequently be referred to a civil court.

It was not known when the prisoners would be released. Mr. Marcos ordered the release of six nuns and a priest yesterday although the authorities said their release did not mean the charges against them had been dropped.

The march, in which participants carried two mock coffins containing what they said were the "remains of freedom and democracy" as they said the rosary and interposed the prayer with some patriotic songs, was organised to protest against widespread fraud and terrorism during Friday's voting.

Cairo to host aerospace education conference

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP). — The first International Conference on Aerospace Education will be held in Cairo, Egypt in October 1979, a conference organiser said here yesterday.

Kamal Naguib, an Egyptian who is provisional chairman of the newly organised International Aerospace Education Organisation, said the date and location of the first international conference was decided at the American National Congress on Aerospace Education last week in Dallas, Texas.

He said all countries will be invited to participate. Permanent officers and a charter for the International Aerospace Education Organisation will be decided at the Cairo conference.

Arab Red Crescent, Red Cross conference opens

RABAT, April 11 (R). — The tenth regional conference of Arab Red Cross and Red Crescent Associations was opened by Princess Lalla Malika, sister of King Hassan Two, here yesterday with nineteen Arab states represented plus the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

In an opening address the princess called for increased contributions for the relief of refugees in south Lebanon and proposed an annual program-

me for assistance to Palestinian and other Arab refugees in the Middle East.

During the four-day conference delegates will also discuss plans to stimulate greater youth participation in Red Cross and Red Crescent activities, and the creation of new associations in countries like Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

It will also consider a proposal to make Arabic one of the international Red Cross's official languages.

Belgian police renew efforts to track down Bracht's kidnappers

ANTWERP, April 11 (R). — Belgian police today renewed their efforts to track down the kidnappers of millionaire businessman Charles Bracht, whose body was found early yesterday on a rubbish dump near here.

An autopsy showed that Baron Bracht had died violently during or shortly after he was dragged from his car in a basement car park in Antwerp's business district on March 7, indicating that ransom demands had been made after his death.

A telephone call telling the baron's son Theo where to find a note which led police to the dump came one day after Theo had appealed to the kidnappers on television to break their three-week silence and break him.

He said that one of the kidnappers, whom he referred to as "D", had phoned him earlier, speaking English with an accent.

The public prosecutor said he believed the gang had demanded a ransom of between \$1.5 million and just over \$2 million.

Negotiations over the ransom broke down when the kidnappers failed to provide the baron's family with proof that he was still alive.

The public prosecutor, speaking at a press conference here yesterday, refused to give any details of how the investigation into the kidnapping was going. A high-powered crisis team set up to organise the search had imposed a tight news blackout on the effort.

The prosecutor said there appeared to be no political motive behind the kidnapping, and added that no links had been found with the recent abduction of another Belgian Baron, Edouard-Jean Empain, who was freed last month after two months' captivity.

Baron Bracht, one of the wealthiest businessmen in this thriving port city, made his fortune through commodity, banking insurance, and property companies. He was given his title in 1957 for services to industry and was Austria's honorary consul-general here.

Greek, Turkish talks are postponed

ATHENS, April 11 (R). — Greek-Turkish talks on issues dividing the two countries, including Cyprus and territorial rights in the Aegean Sea, have been postponed for the time being, a Greek government spokesman said today.

The spokesman gave no reason for putting off the expert-level talks, which were due to open for three days in Ankara on Friday.

He said only that a new date would be fixed through diplomatic channels in the near future.

An authoritative source in Athens said the postponement was made inevitable by recent events, particularly the United States administration's announced intention a week ago to ask Congress to lift the American arms embargo against Turkey.

The atmosphere was not conducive for such talks, the source said.

The postponed talks were originally agreed by Prime Ministers Constantine Karamanlis of Greece and Bulent Ecevit of Turkey at a meeting last month in Montreux, Switzerland.

The main issue of the talks was to have been air space rights over the Aegean and claims to its continental shelf.

Mr. Byron Theodoropoulos, Secretary General of the Greek Foreign Ministry, had been due to leave for Ankara on Thursday to head the Greek delegation in the talks.

Mr. Sukru Elekdag, General Secretary of the Turkish Foreign Ministry, was to have headed the Turkish delegation.

The U.S. arms embargo on Turkey had also been linked with the Cyprus issue.

Mr. Karamanlis said U.S. policy had further complicated the problem instead of helping solve it.

Urban guerrilla trial in Berlin is adjourned

WEST BERLIN, April 11 (R). — The trial of six urban guerrillas charged with kidnapping a prominent politician and murdering a judge was adjourned shortly after it opened here today after defence lawyers objected to the scale of security measures surrounding the proceedings.

Defence counsel argued that the security precautions reduced their clients' chances of getting a fair hearing.

After an initial session of only 40 minutes, the presiding judge ordered a recess for the defence objections to be considered.

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Killer satellite talks announced

Vance defends Carter's arms control policies

WASHINGTON, April 11 (R). — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance has strongly defended the Carter administration's arms control policies and announced new talks with Moscow to halt testing "hunter-killer" satellites.

In a speech before a national conference of newspaper editors here yesterday, Mr. Vance set the stage for his critical talk in Moscow at the end of next week on a strategic arms limitation accord.

"We are engaged today in a broader range of arms control negotiations than ever before in our history, because the opportunities we can grasp, and the challenges we face, are greater than ever before," Mr. Vance said.

Mr. Vance practically equated arms control with a strong defence, saying both were essential steps to achieving national security.

The effort to slow the arms race through mutual and balanced restraints had been a central element in U.S. policy under seven presidents, Democratic and Republican, he added.

State Department officials said Mr. Vance's speech was aimed at countering domestic criticism that the administration was focussing on arms control at the expense of adequate defence.

It also attempted to counter-balance a speech by President Carter last month in North Carolina which was sharply criticised in Moscow for its tough tone and stress on defence and not arms control.

"There are clear limits to what we should expect from arms control. But it is equally clear that arms control, pursued in a deliberate and measured way, will contribute significantly to reducing the prospect of war," Mr. Vance said.

"This is why I believe so strongly that our security is best protected by policies of strength in our national defence and by practical arms control agreements that limit the dangers, to which we must, and always will, respond."

Mr. Vance announced talks would open next month on a treaty to halt tests of the hunter-killer space satellites, which the Soviet Union has been working on for over a decade.

Answering questions, the secretary of state also defended President Carter's decision to postpone developing the neutron bomb, which has stirred controversy because of its power to kill people and leave buildings intact.

Asked whether the weapon might be a bargaining point in negotiations, he said the United States would like the Soviet Bloc to agree to reduce tank forces in the area and perhaps limit deployment.

"The kinds of things that we would be looking for are the kind of things that affect the security of the European region. Such things as tank forces in the area, the threat to the area which arises from weapons such as the SS-20 ballistic missile and other items which it is too early yet to delineate."

He said the subject would be discussed with U.S. allies.

U.N. investigation of Iranian riots sought

VIENNA, April 11 (R). — Some 135 protesters today petitioned U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to send a special commission to investigate recent rioting in Iran.

In a signed letter addressed to Mr. Waldheim, the petitioners said more than 500 people

had been killed during clashes between Iranian police and anti-government demonstrators in the last five months.

Among the signatories, most

of them Austrian journalists, was Dr. Eva Kreisley, daughter-in-law of Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisley.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRABBLE WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Oh, you are, are you?

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CIHRB

BY THE DALLAS TIMES HERALD

HUCET

GARCHE

REFUGI

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumble: CRACK IRATE KETTLE PARADE

Answer: What a stockbroker relied on to mend his broken heart—"TICKER" TAPE

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

32. Balsam

33. Author

34. George

35. Gear

36. Half boot

37. Printer's

38. Measures

39. Soft wool

40. Near

41. Bouquet

42. Grapefruit

43. Forward

44. Heretofore

45. Mooring

46. Chain

47. Of the teeth

48. Puts into service

49. Red dream

50. Of the teeth

51. Reproves

52. Sheep genus

53. Nobis

54. Take

55. Created

56. Petiole

57. Forewarning